

16. Hiring of Tugs at Visakhapatnam Port.

**Capital Dredging from Funds Provided by Oil Companies**

17. Capital Dredging at New Mangalore Port Trust funded by M/s. MRPL.

**Creation of Fresh Berths**

18. Creation of crude handling and POL product facilities for M/s. MRPL's Refinery at New Mangalore Port. Funding of project arranged by M/s. MRPL through SCICI. (indicative cost Rs.238 crores)

19. Virtual jetty by IOC at Kandla.

20. Virtual jettly by HPCL at Kandia.

21. Approval to M/s. Raliance for construction of Asia Bulk Terminal off Goa Coast.

22. Liquid Jetty at Kandla through IFFCO.

23. Creation of LPG facility at New Mangalore Port through HPCL.

24. Creation of off shore stackyard & berth (OSB) off Mormugao Coast.

25. Captive Jetty for M/s. SPIC Electric Power Corporation at Tuticorin.

26. Captive Jetty for Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals at New Mangalore.

27. Container Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port.

28. Construction of Berths 5A/6A at Mormugao Port.

29. Construction of Oil Jetty at Mumbai Port by M/s. Tata Electric Company.

30. Construction of SBM and Captive POL Jetties at Kandla Port by M/s. Essar Oil Ltd.

**[Translation]**

**Loss at Tourist Places in Narmada Valley Due to Earthquake**

854. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a devastating earthquake took place in the Narmada valley area of Madhya Pradesh on May 22, 1997;

(b) if so, the names of tourist places affected;

(c) the manner in which these places were affected;

(d) whether any on-the-spot study was conducted by a departmental officer or Divisional Commissioner; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that mostly Jabalpur and Bhedaghat tourist places were affected.

(c) Bhedaghat was partially affected by the earthquake resulting in soil erosion on both sides of Narmada River and also dislocation of some rocks near the water fall at Dhuandhar.

(d) and (e) An on-the-spot study was conducted by the District Administration and there is a proposal for construction of retaining wall on both sides to stop the inundation of the sides of the river.

*[English]*

**Expansion of Telephone Project**

855. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development projects regarding Telecommunication facilities proposed for the State of Kerala;

(b) whether any of the existing telephone exchanges in the Cannanore, Wayanad or Calicut districts of Kerala are proposed to be expanded during 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any representation has been received for setting up new telephone exchanges or expanding existing ones in the said districts;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The development programme for the year 97-98 for Kerala Telecom Circle envisages addition of switching capacity by 3.28 lakh lines, addition of 2.62 lakh Net DELs, installation of 10000 lines New Technology TAX at Calicut and Commissioning of Computerised Trunk Manual Exchanges at SSA Headquarters at Trivandrum, Kottayam, Calicut and Cannanore.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Details of exchanges planned to be expanded during 1997-98 in Cannanore, Wayanad and Calicut Districts of Kerala are given in the enclosed statement-I

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) In response to Representation received feasibility of setting up of New Telephone exchanges in Cannanore, Wayanad and Calicut Districts has been examined and planned to install 6 exchanges during 97-98, 3 exchanges during 98-99 and 4 proposals are not technically economically viable. Details are given in the enclosed statement-II.